

**Amendments to the Claims**

1. (Original) A punch for compressing powders to prepare tablets, which is characterized in that the surface of the punch is coated with Cr-Dopé-N.
2. (Original) A punch for compressing powders to prepare tablets, which is characterized in that the surface of the punch is coated for corrosion resistance with Cr-Dopé-N.
3. (Original) A punch for compressing powders to prepare tablets, which is characterized in that the surface of the punch is coated for release with Cr-Dopé-N.
4. (Original) A punch for compressing powders to prepare tablets, which is characterized in that the surface of the punch is coated for anti-adhesion with Cr-Dopé-N coating on the surface.
5. (Original) The punch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the punch is applied to a punch (4 or 6) for use in a tablet machine (1) for preparing tablets containing an acidic substance or an adhesive substance.
6. (Original) The punch as claimed in claim 5, wherein the acidic substance is Pioglitazone hydrochloride.
7. (Original) The punch as claimed in claim 5, wherein the adhesive substance is a sugar alcohol.
8. (Original) The punch as claimed in claim 7, wherein the sugar alcohol is D-mannitol.
9. (Original) A tablet machine having a punch of which surface is coated with

Cr-Dopé-N.

10. (Original) A process for preparation of tablets which comprises using a tablet machine as claimed in claim 9.

11. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 10, wherein tablets contain an acidic substance or an adhesive substance.

12. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 11, wherein the acidic substance is Pioglitazone hydrochloride.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 11, wherein the adhesive substance is a sugar alcohol.

15. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 14, wherein the sugar alcohol is D-mannitol.

16. (Cancelled)